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<b>For:</b>	METHOD FOR CONTROLLING MELT AND METHOD FOR GROWING CRYSTAL	<b>Dated:</b>	January 9, 2003

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 9, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 14 as follows:

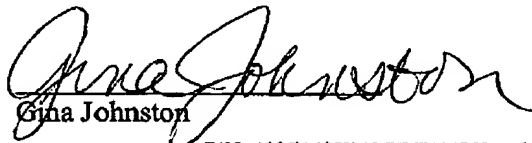
1. (Amended) A melt control method wherein a state of a semiconductor melt surrounded by an

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